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Mr. William E. Colby
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Dear Mr. Colby:

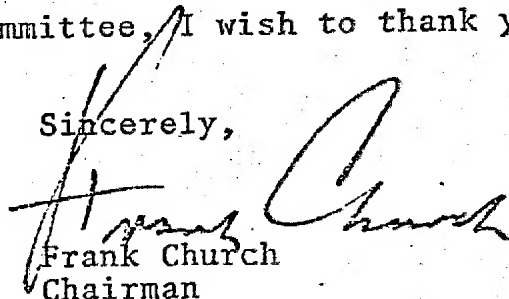
In the field of foreign intelligence, the Senate Select Committee wishes to examine the following: (1) the quality and utility of National Intelligence Estimates (NIEs); (2) the authority the DCI exercises over the entire intelligence community; and (3) how successfully the Foreign Intelligence agencies of the United States alert policy-makers of impending events, e.g., the Middle East War of 1973.

Attached to this letter is a memorandum briefly describing the issues which the Committee wishes to examine at this stage of its investigation, the additional documents which the Committee now requests, and a number of officials the Committee staff proposes to interview. The Committee would appreciate receiving these documents as soon as possible so that they would be available for review prior to discussions with the experts from within the agencies. In addition, the Committee would welcome your suggestions for additional documents or the names of other officials which might contribute to our understanding of these matters.

I am sending a copy of the attached memorandum to Secretary Kissinger and Secretary Schlesinger also.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Frank Church
Chairman

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